

**Status of 2007 Bills Potentially Impacting  
The New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS)  
As of April 10, 2007**

*(Please refer to the explanation of abbreviations listed on page 6 of this document.)*

<u>Bill/LSR #s</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
<b>CACR 1</b> 07-0996	Marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only legal union that shall be valid and recognized in this state	Dudley D. Dumaine (P) Daniel C. Itse Laurie J. Boyce James F. Headd Nancy J. Elliot	3/28/07 (Re. Serlin) Lay on Table: MF RC 197-155, lacking required 3/5 vote; <b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE, MA, RC 233-124</b>
<b>HB 235</b> 07-0893	Relative to the recognition of out-of-state marriages	Marlene M. DeChane (P) Robert L. Theberge	3/28/07 Amendment {0969h} Adopted, VV; (Rep. DeChane) Move the previous question: MA DIV 179-131; OTP Amended: MF, RC 169-171; (Rep. Hunt) Lay on Table: MF DIV 149-193; <b>(Rep. DeChane) Recommit: MA, VV</b>
<b>HB 346</b> 07-1003	Establishing a defined contribution retirement option in the NHRS	Lars T. Christensen (P)	<b>3/27/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE: MA VV</b>
<b>HB 437</b> 07-0333	Permitting same gender couples to enter into spousal unions and have the same rights, responsibilities and obligations as married couples. <b>NEW TITLE: Permitting same gender couples to enter into civil unions and have the same rights, responsibilities and obligations as married couples.</b>	James R. Splaine (P) Dana S. Hilliard	4/4/07 Recommit: MF DIV; Com AM AF VV; (Rep. Lasky) Floor AM {1156h} NT: AA DIV 223-137; Rep Defruscia Floor AM: AF DIV; Rep Mooney Floor AM: AF DIV; OTP/AM {1156h}: MA RC 243-129; (Rep. Splaine) Reconsider: MF, VV; Introduced & ref. to Senate Judiciary Com.
<b>HB 440</b> 07-0347	Relative to the authority to quarantine to prevent dissemination of forest pests, <i>relative to police training for forest rangers</i> , and relative to forest resources and timber harvesting	Betsey L. Patten (P) Peter E. Soloman Donald A. Bruggemann John T. Gallus	4/3/07 OTP for April 11 (vote 14-1, CC)

<b>HB 562</b> 07-0074	Excluding extra or special duty pay from earnable compensation of group II members in the retirement system	Ken Hawkins (P)	<b>3/27/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE: MA VV</b>
<b>HB 568</b> 07-0064	Repealing the option to purchase nonqualified credit in the NHRS	Ken Hawkins (P), Maurice J Pilotte, John A Graham	<b>3/27/07 OTP: MA VV</b>
<b>HB 569</b> 07-0072	Relative to the retirement age for retirement system group II members.	Ken Hawkins (P)	<b>3/27/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE: MA VV</b>
<b>HB 580</b> 07-0453	Relative to certain disability retirement allowances payable to surviving spouses of retired members.	David Knox (P) Stanley E. Stevens Donald R. Buxton Joseph D. Kenney	<b>3/6/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE: MA, VV</b>
<b>HB 594</b> 07-0908	Granting Group II system status to certain positions in the department of corrections	Matthew J. Quandt (P) Marshall E. Quandt	3/23/07 Retained in committee
<b>HB 596</b> 07-0958	Relative to a retirement system calculation exemption for certain retired teachers of the Concord School District	John DeJoie (P) Candace C W Bouchard James R. MacKay Robert W. Williams	3/19/07 Retained in Committee
<b>HB 629</b> 07-0627	Relative to authorizing continued membership in the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system. <b>NEW TITLE: Relative to authorizing continued membership in the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system and relative to the Nashua public works retirement system</b>	Benjamin C. Baroody (P) Jane Beaulieu	3/27/07 Amendment {0630h} Adopted VV (New Title); <b>OTP Amended: MA VV</b>
<b>HB 653</b> 07-0073	Relative to the membership of the New Hampshire retirement system board of trustees. <b>NEW TITLE: Relative to the determination of benefits, funding and administration of the New Hampshire retirement system.</b>	Ken Hawkins (P) Pamela G. Price	3/27/07 AM #0930h, MA, VV; OTP/AM, MA, DIV 325-12

<b>HB 758</b> 07-1082	Establishing a new state defined contribution plan for new state employees and establishing a committee to study the transition of current employees into the new plan and administration of the new plan	Fran Wendelboe (P) Daniel C Itse Neal M Kurk David Bettencourt	<b>3/27/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE, MA, VV</b>
<b>HB 771</b> 07-0863	Extending medical and surgical benefits (including NHRS medical subsidy) to same sex domestic partners	Edward A. Butler (P) Marlene M. DeChane Nickolas J. Levasseur	2/22/07 Retained in Committee
<b>HB 779</b> 07-0382	Relative to funding retirement system benefits and supplemental allowances	Benjamin Baroody (P)	2/22/07 Retained in Committee
<b>HB 791</b> 07-0892	Re: religious freedom and civil marriage; would remove current prohibition of same gender marriages. <b>NEW TITLE: Establishing a commission to study the legal and social effects of permitting same gender marriage.</b>	Maureen Baxley (P) Gail C. Morrison Edward A. Butler Marlene M. DeChane Bette R. Lasky	4/4/07 Amendment {0954h} Adopted (New Title) DIV 245 - 120): (Rep Hunt) Lay on Table: MF DIV 158-207; (Rep Wendelboe) Floor AM {1011h} NT: AF RC 148-219; OTP/AM {0954h}: MA RC 210-160
<b>HB 824</b> 07-1099	Relative to death benefits paid to the family of a police officer, firefighter or highway department employee killed in the line of duty	Patricia McMahon (P) Robert A. Foose Michael Marsh	<b>3/27/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE: MA VV</b>

<b>HB 876</b> 07-0398	Relative to eliminating the special account in the retirement system, changing the definition of earnable compensation for retirement system members, and revising the calculation of member and employer contribution rates and cost of living adjustments in the retirement system and assigning all new employees to group I. <b>NEW TITLE: Establishing a commission to ensure the long-term viability of the New Hampshire retirement system</b>	Neal M. Kurk (P)	All provisions of the bill as introduced have been deleted by an amendment which establishes a commission to make recommendations to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the NHRS. <b>3/27/07 OTP/AM {0950h} (New Title): MA VV</b>
<b>HB 905</b> 07-0027	Legally recognizing civil unions & grants same rights as spouses in marriage, including pension & retirement benefits, death benefits to firefighters & police officers killed in the line of duty	Steve Vaillancourt (P)	<b>4/4/07 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE: MA VV</b>
<b>SB 148</b> 07-1222	Relative to the retirement system status for members of the university system police force	Michael Downing (P) Lou D'Allesandro George Winchell Mark Pearson	<b>3/29/07 Sen. Allesandro Floor Amendment {1000}, AA, VV; OTP/AM {1000}, MA, VV OT3rdg; Passed by Third Reading Resolution</b>
<b>SB 169</b> 07-0254	Establishing a death benefit to be paid to the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. 2 <sup>ND</sup> <b>NEW TITLE: Establishing a death benefit to be paid to the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty and establishing a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a state death benefit for emergency medical technicians killed in the line of duty.</b>	Lou D'Allesandro(P) Robert E. Clegg, Jr. Deborah R. Reynolds Daniel A. Eaton Everett A. Weare And others	<b>3/29/07 Com, Amendment {0898} (New Title) RC 24Y-0N, AA; OTP/AM {0898} (New Title) RC 24Y-0N, MA; OT3rdg; Passed by Third Reading Resolution</b>

<b>SB 209</b> 07-1245	Establishing a commission to study inclusion of service as a part-time district court judge in the calculation of retirement benefits. <b>NEW TITLE: Requiring the board of trustees of the judicial retirement plan to study the inclusion of service of all judges who are not members of the judicial retirement plan.</b>	Margaret Hassan (P) Bette Lasky	3/8/07 OTP/AM #0363s (New Title), MA, VV; OT3rdg; Passed Senate by Third Reading Resolution; 3/28/07 Introduced & ref. to House ED&A
<b>SB 240</b> 07-0340	Establishing contractual cohabitation and extending certain rights to parties to a contractual cohabitation	Robert Clegg, Jr. (P) Marshall E. Quandt	Senate Judiciary Com. Report: Re-referred to Committee [4/12/07]

(P) = Primary Sponsor

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### **Abbreviations used in “Status” Column:**

<b>AA</b>	Amendment Adopted
<b>AF</b>	Amendment Failed
<b>AM</b>	Amendment
<b>CACR</b>	Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution
<b>CC</b>	Consent Calendar
<b>Com</b>	Committee
<b>DIV</b>	Division Vote
<b>ED&amp;A</b>	Executive Departments and Administration
<b>ITL</b>	Inexpedient to Legislate
<b>LOB</b>	Legislative Office Building
<b>MA</b>	Motion Adopted
<b>MF</b>	Motion Failed
<b>ML</b>	Motion Lost
<b>NT</b>	New Title
<b>OT3rdg</b>	Ordered to 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading
<b>OTP</b>	Ought to Pass
<b>OTP/AM</b>	Ought to Pass with Amendment
<b>RC</b>	Roll Call
<b>Ref</b>	Referred
<b>VV</b>	Voice Vote